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(as amended herein) THICKNESS OF A THIN FILM VIA THE INTENSITY OF
REFLECTED LIGHT

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Sir:

In response to the office action dated April 1, 2004, please consider the following amendments and remarks in favor of the allowance of claims 1 and 3-20 of the above-referenced patent application. Please note that the amendments to the specification and claims commence, respectively, on page 2 and page 3, and the accompanying remarks commence on page 15.